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Football Fanatics are ripe in the Valley of the Moon

The whiskers (or van dyke if you prefer) are gone. Pro and con comment as to their general effect on our appearance had been growing in volume, with those "against" seemingly in the majority. Besides, they were a dang nuisance, and probably we'll never do it again.

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Lucy and Desi are back with us—as good or better than before. Reminds us of a little episode in Chatsworth. The couple lived about two miles down the road from us, did considerable shopping in our town. One day the postmaster asked us: "Did you see Lucille Ball go out of here just now?" We went outside, and sure 'nuff there was a tall and stately dame wearing the most outlandish combination of colors you ever saw. Pink slacks, a bad shade of dark blue jacket, and of course her red hair.

Next issue of our paper had an item to the effect that Lucy was far less glamorous on the street than on the screen. Not sure whether she ever saw the item, but the next time she was in town she was dressed up to beat the band.

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Fred Astaire also was a frequent shopper down in Chatsworth. He looked and dressed like any old rancher. Talked with him in a hardware store one day, and he's a friendly sort of fellow, common as an old shoe. With a lot of show people around, nobody made any particular fuss about them, and they liked it that way. Lionel Barrymore and Victor Borge each was honorary mayor for a term or two.

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Last week after diligent re-reading of Moonbeams, we found just one typographical error. But our severest critic called our attention later to three errors—and we paid our 10 cent bet willingly. Now this week . . .

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It's still Newspaper week, but we don't feel up to writing any long dissertation about the freedom of the press. Slogan for the week is a dedication of the press to the people and their "right to know," a right that is now more than ever in jeopardy.

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Nice fall weather of late, practically perfect. It brings thoughts of the holidays, not too far in the future. And we must start looking around for a guinea hen or two, our traditional New Year's day dish (though we've only had one in our 11 years in California). Can anyone steer us to any? Or to a home butcher who dresses out his own hogs? We'd like some real cracklings.

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Seem to be looking for a lot of information this week. Here's another query: Have been told that up Cavedale road (or maybe some other road in that area) there is a beautiful falls that keep going most of the year. Boy Scouts are said to have camped near them several times. But exactly where are they, and how do you get to them? Maybe we've got an important scenic attraction right here in the Valley of the Moon.

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Apropos the closing of the wheels at the Vintage festival: Many of us were brought up on such devices and they never seemed terrible. In fact that's what people went to fairs and festivals for—the youngsters saved up their money and expected to come away penniless after a day of fun and enjoyment. Sometimes we won small prizes. Didn't then and don't now see what harm was done. It's all a part of learning to live. As a kid, did you ever play lotto (bingo), take a whirl at a fish pond at a church bazaar, or play marbles for keeps? Ever plant a crop and expect a harvest? Okay: You're a gambler!

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In our home town, the week before Thanksgiving and Christmas the butcher shops always had raffles (in the back room), with turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens as the attraction. They used dice, five of 'em in a box, each player entitled to three throws, keeping out his best hand. He could stop with three 6s in one shake if he wanted, or keep on with the second or third throw. Best hand won. Ties were decided by one throw.

It was a lot of fun, the butcher made a lot of money on his provender. And it added just a little zest to living. Nowadays anything that's fun is frowned on by certain groups of the citizenry.

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Was startled the other day when a Springsite told us we owed him a bet made back in 1948 when Dewey got beat by Truman for the presidency. Hazily remembered some sort of bet, but had forgotten all about it. Paid up.

Then Tuesday we got a dollar from a Santa Rosan on a bet we'd made with him nearly as far back as the other. This time it was a bet that Michigan State would beat Michigan in the annual "big game," and we even predicted the final score. Never really expected to get it, after having moved away, but our opponent remembered—aid paid up.

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Vivid dream the other night. Minor Watson, our actor friend, was trying to convince us we had no business trying to write—anything—and instead wanted us to become a farmer or a cook.

But like to think we don't do too bad a job of writing, in some fields at least. Never was much good on pure fiction, though we did have a coupla stories accepted and printed. Think our check from McCall's once was \$7. Also wrote a little book, but it never sold more than 300 or 400 copies. It was all about running a country newspaper—and when written we never had run such a paper. Some of the stuff in it still reads pretty well, at that.

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It was nice summer work, not too trying or confining. With the first month's pay we bought a fine bullwhip at an exorbitant price, about \$2, and used it all summer—but never really whipped a cow. Tried hard, though, to learn some of the bullwhip tricks we had seen, but never really made it.

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They used to have horse races at the Ogle county fair. Mostly they were harness races, pacers and trotters, with one running race as the last event each day. For a while betting was allowed, through bookmakers on the grounds, as distinguished from what are called "bookies" today. Best fun we ever had at the races was one day when a little group made up a "pool"—numbers were drawn from a hat, each person put in a dime, and the one who held the number of the winning horse got the jackpot. Them were the days!

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RUSTIC INN at Glen Ellen should be on your "must" list—for your guests and yourselves. **GUNNER & RUTH.** Worth while.
DIG THIS VOCABULARY, DAD; IT'LL SIMPLY TEAR YOU UP

Down in one Arkansas town, editorial writers seem determined to keep their readers informed on latest language developments.

This includes teenage jazz, on which, considering the usual scholarly vocabulary of editorial writers the newspaper quoted seems unusually well informed.

One editorial began: "It is about time, what with school looming on the horizon, to clue you cats on the language of the teen agers. And it tears us up (a favorite reaction in teen talk) to be able to cite no less an authority than Town Journal magazine, which employed its facilities not long ago on a nationwide survey of the lexicon of the high school set.

"Hyper's is a fairly new one. It means more super than dooper and if you really want to be superlative you can go to 'absotively glurpy.' 'Give me an eyeball' means 'read this,' and we hope you have and are.

"A 'glue face' is one who seldom smiles and is frequently applied to principals, losing coaches and others of the pedagogical world whose academic paths are anything but groovey.

"If you are an 'archaic'—over 21—it is possible that you are a 'square.' But it is even worse to be a 'cube' because then you're a square in three dimensions or definitely '3-D.' If you're a 'sharp' dresser, however, it helps because if you try hard enough you may develop into something that's absolutely 'frantic.' (Needless to say, sharp dressing in high school circles is something completely different from that of the adult world).

"These, with the exception of time honored 'square,' are a few of the newer examples of Junior's instinct for self expression and we are sure that as the autumn develops there will be many more to add to the vocabulary. We trust that as the list grows some kindly youth will fill us in on it. When you're an archaic in 3-D it's sometimes hard to stay abreast of the trend."

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A group of men with lunch boxes were at a bus stop discussing the election. A 6-footer said: "Let me tell you what helped me make my decision."

"I heard of a young lad who was running home from school when he slipped and fell, skinning his left knee. He got to his feet and ran on. By the time he reached home he had almost forgotten the incident.

"But two mornings later he awoke to find his leg aching badly, and by that evening his foot was black and badly swollen.

"A doctor was called, who said it was blood poisoning and very serious—and next morning he said amputation was necessary. 'If we do it now we can save the rest of his leg—the longer we wait, the more we'll have to take off,' he said gently.

"The young lad shook his head in grim finality. 'You won't take any off,' he said flatly. But the doctor explained, 'It's the only way of saving your life.' 'No,' the young lad said, 'I'd rather die.' Then in agony, he asked for a fork on which to bite.

"He reached for his brother's hand and gasped, 'I'm going out of my head—don't let 'em do it while I'm out of my head—you got to stand guard. Promise.' The brother promised and for two days and nights stood guard while the youth muttered and screamed through feverish nightmare. The doctor came again and again, explaining that 'soon there will be nothing we can do to save him.'

"While the doctor waited for the lad to die, the parents knelt and prayed for the miracle which was all, the doctor insisted, that could now save their son.

"And the miracle came. The fever began to subside, the blackness faded. After a while the lad awoke, white and exhausted. He was alive and whole. He had won. Three weeks later, though still pale and weak, he walked out of his room.

"This lad was Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Silence prevailed, until a husky voice said, "He's got what it takes."

—Los Angeles Times.

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LET THE BUYER BEWARE IN CHOOSING HIS HOME

A person should choose his home with as much care as he uses in choosing his mate, Realtor Peter Doern of New York declares.

Doern, treasurer of the Westchester County Realty board, said there are some couples who don't examine a house carefully enough

before they invest their life savings in it. He suggested any house-hunter should examine a dwelling from basement to rafters, so he will know just what he is getting.

Here are some of the things Doern suggested a person should do:

1. Make sure floors are solidly constructed; walk to the middle of each room, stand on the balls of both feet, then come down hard on the heels. If you get a solid bump, the floor is holding up all right. If the floor gives a little, it needs new girders to hold it in place.

2. Settling floors can be detected by looking for cracks in the plaster by the floor boards and the possibility that the floors might be pulling down from the floor boards.

3. To check the plaster, pound the walls with your fists. If they are dry walls (plaster board) the pounding will make a hollow noise. This variety of wall is cheaper and not as solid as lath and plaster walls and it will crack in time.

Defects in the lath and plaster walls also can be detected by thumping and prodding them. If they buckle, the plaster probably has become loose from the laths. Ceilings may be tested the same way.

To test plumbing, turn on all the faucets in a bathroom and flush the toilet at the same time. If the tap force is reduced to a trickle, the pipes may be old and filled with rust.

5. If you are doubtful about the electric wiring, furnace and hot water heat, call a plumber and electrician to test them for you.

6. To check on termites, take a screw driver or pen knife to the basement and prod the wooden beams closest to the earth. If the wood is just dented a bit, it is all right. But if it is soft, either dry rot or termites may have set in.

"People should investigate every house thoroughly before buying it," Doern said. "They should choose the location first, then the architecture and layout.

"A house shouldn't be chosen quickly. It is one of the most important things in life. It involves the expenditure of hard-earned cash—that \$10,000 or so that a guy finally can lay on the line for his family."

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